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## CHINA.

*Reports from Hongkong—Inspection of vessels—Communicable diseases—Quarantine measures*

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports as follows:

The health report for the week ended July 23, 1904, is as follows: Plague, 25 cases, 25 deaths, all Chinese; cholera, 2 cases, 2 deaths, all Chinese; enteric fever, 1 case, no deaths, European.

There were no cases of variola, diphtheria, scarlet fever, relapsing, puerperal, or typhus fevers. The Colonial government declares Manila "not infected," and accordingly removes the quarantine restrictions, but it continues the restrictions against Amoy, Tinan Fu, and Anping.

*Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of June, 1904, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the insular territory, and the Republic of Panama.*

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health .....	33
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin .....	0
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the quarantine regulations:	
Personnel .....	2,884
Passengers .....	1,514
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
Personnel .....	2,089
Passengers .....	608
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws governing immigration:	
Aliens .....	442

*Return of quarantinable diseases.*

Plague .....	194 cases, 183 deaths.
Cholera .....	22 cases, 20 deaths.
Smallpox .....	8 cases, 2 deaths.

*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Siberia* recommended, July 21, for rejection: For Honolulu, 22; for San Francisco, 93.

*Report from Fuchau—No epidemic of plague.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon White forwards the following:

FUCHAU, CHINA, July 6, 1904.

DEAR DOCTOR: In reply to your note of inquiry, under date of June 22, 1904, as to the truthfulness of an item published in the Hongkong paper of June 18, stating that "the plague is exceedingly severe just now," etc., I am enabled to say, on the authority of three of our physicians who have the largest practice among both native and foreign population of this port, that the statement referred to is absolutely false. Thus far in the season, 2 cases only are known on the south side of the river, and 2 cases in the city proper.

It is unqualifiedly false that "several hundred people have already succumbed to the dread disease within the past month."

Somebody is either maliciously slandering the city or else is woe-